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**NEW ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the original abstract with the following new abstract:

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A particle filter for exhaust gases of internal combustion engines, including a housing containing a filter body including a plurality of filter walls extending substantially in the radial and longitudinal direction and spaced apart from one another in the circumferential direction. The filter walls are welded at their face ends to at least one securing element by way of which the filter body is secured in the housing. The securing element has compensation means which act between the filter walls and the housing and compensate for relative motions between the filter walls and the housing. As a result, thermally caused motions of the filter walls can be compensated for, and stress in the region of the securing element can be avoided.